

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL SALE OF PETROL/DIESEL IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to curb the illegal sale of adulterated petrol/diesel popularly known as Madras Petrol in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the number of retail outlets caught and sealed for selling adulterated diesel/petrol in Tamil Nadu during the last two years; and
- (c) the position of supply and sale of deisel and petrol in the country in both quantity and value-wise during each month for the last two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- (a) Oil Marketing Companies carry out regular/surprise checks of retail outlets, to control various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. To prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (Public Distribution System), furfural doping, filter paper test, stock reconciliation, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories, etc., are taken by oil companies.
- (b) During the last two years, the oil marketing companies have taken appropriate action against 46 retail outlets in Tamil Nadu for selling adulterated diesel/petrol.
- (c) The supply position during the last two years has generally been in accordance with demand.